

Forward and reverse PCR primers were synthesized:

forward PCR primer 5'-TAACAGCTGCCCCACTGCTTCCAGG-3' (SEQ ID NO:171)

reverse PCR primer 5'-TAATCCAGCAGTGCAGGCCGGG-3' (SEQ ID NO:172)

Additionally, a synthetic oligonucleotide hybridization probe was constructed from the consensus DNA30900 sequence which had the following nucleotide sequence

hybridization probe

5'-ATGGCCTCCACGGTGCTGTGGACCGTGTTCCTGGGCAAGGTGTGGCAGAA-3'
(SEQ ID NO:173)

Screening of the above described library gave rise to the partial cDNA clone designated herein DNA35597 (SEQ ID NO:170). Extension of this sequence using repeated cycles of BLAST and phrap gave rise to a nucleotide sequence designated herein as DNA43335. Primers based upon the DNA43335 consensus sequence were then prepared as follows.

forward PCR primer 5'-TGCCTATGCACTGAGGAGGCAGAAG-3' (SEQ ID NO:174)

reverse PCR primer 5'-AGGCAGGGACACAGAGTCCATTAC-3' (SEQ ID NO:175)

Additionally, a synthetic oligonucleotide hybridization probe was constructed from the consensus DNA43335 sequence which had the following nucleotide sequence

hybridization probe

5'-AGTATGATTTGCCGTGCACCCAGGGCCAGTGGACGATCCAGAACAGGAGG-3'
(SEQ ID NO:176)

In order to screen several libraries for a source of a full-length clone, DNA from the libraries was screened by PCR amplification with one of the PCR primer pairs identified above. A positive library was then used to isolate full length clones encoding the PRO618 gene using the second probe oligonucleotide and one of the second set of PCR primers. RNA for construction of the cDNA libraries was isolated from human fetal liver tissue (LIB229).

DNA sequencing of the clones isolated as described above gave the full-length DNA sequence for PRO618 [herein designated as UNQ354 (DNA49152-1324)] (SEQ ID NO:168) and the derived protein sequence for PRO618.

The entire nucleotide sequence of UNQ354 (DNA49152-1324) is shown in Figure 62 (SEQ ID NO:168). Clone UNQ354 (DNA49152-1324) contains a single open reading frame with an apparent translational initiation site at nucleotide positions 73-75 and ending at the stop codon at nucleotide positions 2479-2481 (Figure 62). The predicted polypeptide precursor is 802 amino acids long (Figure 63). The full-length PRO618 protein shown in Figure 63 has an estimated molecular weight of about 88,846 daltons and a pI of about 6.41. Important regions of the amino acid sequence of PRO618 include type II transmembrane domain, a sequence typical of a protease, trypsin family, histidine active site, multiple N-glycosylation sites, two sequences typical of a Kringle domain, two regions having sequence similarity to Kallikrein light chain, and a region having sequence similarity to low-density lipoprotein receptor. Clone UNQ354 (DNA49152-1324) has been deposited with ATCC and is assigned ATCC deposit no. 209813.

EXAMPLE 29: Isolation of cDNA Clones Encoding Human PRO719

A consensus sequence was obtained relative to a variety of EST sequences as described in Example 1 above, wherein the consensus sequence obtained is herein designated DNA44851. Based on the DNA44851 consensus sequence, oligonucleotides were synthesized: 1) to identify by PCR a cDNA library that contained the sequence of interest, and 2) for use as probes to isolate a clone of the full-length coding sequence for PRO719.

A pair of PCR primers (forward and reverse) were synthesized:

forward PCR primer 5'-GTGAGCATGAGCGAGCCGTCCAC-3' (SEQ ID NO:179)

reverse PCR primer 5'-GCTATTACAACGGTTCTTGCGGCAGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:180)

Additionally, a synthetic oligonucleotide hybridization probe was constructed from the consensus DNA44851 sequence which had the following nucleotide sequence

hybridization probe

5'-TTGACTCTCTGGTGAATCAGGACAAGCCGAGTTTGCCTTCCAG-3' (SEQ ID NO:181)

In order to screen several libraries for a source of a full-length clone, DNA from the libraries was screened by PCR amplification with the PCR primer pair identified above. A positive library was then used to isolate clones encoding the PRO719 gene using the probe oligonucleotide and one of the PCR primers. RNA for construction of the cDNA libraries was isolated from human placenta tissue (LIB90).

DNA sequencing of the clones isolated as described above gave the full-length DNA sequence for PRO719 [herein designated as UNQ387 (DNA49646-1327)] (SEQ ID NO:177) and the derived protein sequence for PRO719.

The entire nucleotide sequence of UNQ387 (DNA49646-1327) is shown in Figure 65 (SEQ ID NO:177). Clone UNQ387 (DNA49646-1327) contains a single open reading frame with an apparent translational initiation site at nucleotide positions 223-225 and ending at the stop codon at nucleotide positions 1285-1287 (Figure 65). The predicted polypeptide precursor is 354 amino acids long (Figure 66). The full-length PRO719 protein shown in Figure 66 has an estimated molecular weight of about 39,362 daltons and a pI of about 8.35. Analysis of the full length PRO719 sequence evidences the presence of a signal peptide from about amino acid 1 to about amino acid 16 as shown in Figure 66 (SEQ ID NO:178), a lipase-associated serine-containing active site at about amino acid 163 to about amino acid 172, and two potential N-glycosylation sites from about amino acid 80 to about amino acid 83 and about amino acid 136 to about amino acid 139. Clone UNQ387 (DNA49646-1327) has been deposited with ATCC on March 26, 1998 and is assigned ATCC deposit no. 209705.

Analysis of the amino acid sequence of the full-length PRO719 polypeptide suggests that it possesses significant sequence similarity to the lipoprotein lipase H protein, thereby indicating that PRO719 may be a novel lipoprotein lipase homolog. More specifically, an analysis of the Dayhoff database (version 35.45 SwissProt 35) evidenced significant homology between the PRO719 amino acid sequence and the following Dayhoff sequences, LIPL_HUMAN, LIPH_HUMAN, D83548_1, A24059_1, P_R30740, D88666_1, A43357, A46696, B43357 and A49488.

EXAMPLE 30: Isolation of cDNA Clones Encoding Human PRO724

A consensus sequence was obtained relative to a variety of EST sequences as described in Example 1

above, wherein the consensus sequence obtained is herein designated DNA35603. Based on the DNA35603 consensus sequence, oligonucleotides were synthesized: 1) to identify by PCR a cDNA library that contained the sequence of interest, and 2) for use as probes to isolate a clone of the full-length coding sequence for PRO724.

Pairs of PCR primers (forward and reverse) were synthesized:

5 forward PCR primer 1 5'-GGCTGTCACTGTGGAGACAC-3' (SEQ ID NO:184)

forward PCR primer 2 5'-GCAAGGTCATTACAGCTG-3' (SEQ ID NO:185)

reverse PCR primer 1 5'-AGAACATAGGAGCAGTCCCACTC-3' (SEQ ID NO:186)

reverse PCR primer 2 5'-TGCCTGCTGCTGCACAATCTCAG-3' (SEQ ID NO:187)

10 Additionally, a synthetic oligonucleotide hybridization probe was constructed from the consensus DNA35603 sequence which had the following nucleotide sequence

hybridization probe

5'-GGCTATTGCTTGCCTTGGGACAGACCCTGTGGCTTAGGCTCTGGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:188)

15 In order to screen several libraries for a source of a full-length clone, DNA from the libraries was screened by PCR amplification with the PCR primer pairs identified above. A positive library was then used to isolate clones encoding the PRO724 gene using the probe oligonucleotide and one of the PCR primers. RNA for construction of the cDNA libraries was isolated from human fetal lung tissue (LIB26).

DNA sequencing of the clones isolated as described above gave the full-length DNA sequence for PRO724 [herein designated as UNQ389 (DNA49631-1328)] (SEQ ID NO:182) and the derived protein sequence for PRO724.

20 The entire nucleotide sequence of UNQ389 (DNA49631-1328) is shown in Figure 67 (SEQ ID NO:182). Clone UNQ389 (DNA49631-1328) contains a single open reading frame with an apparent translational initiation site at nucleotide positions 546-548 and ending at the stop codon at nucleotide positions 2685-2687 (Figure 67). The predicted polypeptide precursor is 713 amino acids long (Figure 68). The full-length PRO724 protein shown in Figure 68 has an estimated molecular weight of about 76,193 daltons and a pI of about 5.42.

25 Analysis of the full-length PRO724 amino acid sequence shown in Figure 68 (SEQ ID NO:183) evidences the presence of the following: a signal peptide from about amino acid 1 to about amino acid 16, a transmembrane domain from about amino acid 442 to about amino acid 462 and LDL receptor class A domain regions from about amino acid 152 to about amino acid 171, about amino acid 331 to about amino acid 350, about amino acid 374 to about amino acid 393 and about amino acid 411 to about amino acid 430. Clone UNQ389 (DNA49631-1328) has been deposited with ATCC on April 28, 1998 and is assigned ATCC deposit no. 209806

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Analysis of the amino acid sequence of the full-length PRO724 polypeptide suggests that it possesses significant sequence similarity to the human LDL receptor protein, thereby indicating that PRO724 may be a novel LDL receptor homolog. More specifically, an analysis of the Dayhoff database (version 35.45 SwissProt 35) evidenced significant homology between the PRO724 amino acid sequence and the following Dayhoff sequences, P_R48547, MMAM2R_1, LRP2_RAT, P_R60517, P_R47861, P_R05533, A44513_1, A30363, P_R74692 and LMLIPOPHO_1.

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EXAMPLE 31: Isolation of cDNA Clones Encoding Human PRO772